

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., September 4, 1885.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find copy of a letter received at this bureau from the Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. in reference to the character of bars forwarded to the mints upon sales of silver bullion made by them, in reply to a letter addressed to them by this bureau upon receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo enclosing copy of a letter addressed to you by the Melter and Refiner reciting the objectionable features in the bars received from the Kansas City and Boston and Colorado Smelting Company.

Very respectfully,

R. A. Johnston

Acting Director

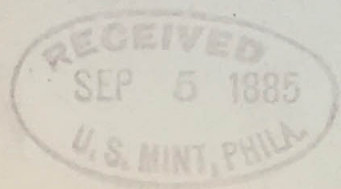
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Relative to size of
Bars from Boston & Colo.
Smelting Co. Enclosing Copy
of Secty letter.



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Boston and Colorado Smelting Company.

Argo, Colo. Aug. 29, 1885

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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of 15th inst. complaining of the unwieldy size &c. of our silver bars, would respectfully say that we think our bars have none of the objectionable features referred to in the letter that you enclosed from the Philadelphia Mint. The diagonal measurement of the end of our mould is 8 inches. Our bars never exceed this measurement and usually measure $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

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[Letter One:]

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